From: sac (Steve Cisler)
To: kk, psd
Subject: Point Foundation Grant

Comments on proposal:

Specific goals: don't abbreviate Library of Congress (LC) or subject headings
(LCSH)

Since you are cooperating with Marin County Library suggest you look into
California State Library grants (LSCA); there may be one for which you are
eligible. They are very competitive; perhaps MCL can apply for one.

This is a very ambitious project; I think you are underestimating the time
needed
for cataloging. Remember, library automation systems are more complex than
airline bookings systems.

Here is what I am sending to the Marin Community Foundation:

This letter is in reference to the grant application from The Point Foundation.

I am a libarian working in the Apple Library within the Advanced Technology
Group at Apple Computer, Inc. in Cupertino. I work with software developers
in the library market, and I assist librarians who have questions about
library software and hardware. Before working at Apple I was Automation
Systems Coordinator for Contra Costa County Library in Pleasant Hill.

Before I ever became a librarian I was an admirer and user of Point Foundation

publications. Their attitude about making information available to people at
low cost appealed to me and many of my colleagues.

Consequently, I would be quite willing to assist the Point Foundation and
other volunteers to plan for the automation of a very important collection
of printed material. My expertise is in describing what can be done
with computers and what is best done without their assistance. I may
be able to arrange for them to test new library automation systems, if
they wish. I encourage you to make the planning grant to the Point
Foundation. Because of their cooperation with the Marin County Library
System, all members of the county can benefit from the project.

Steve Cisler